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SUBJECT: POLITICAL PRISONERS STAGE HUNGER STRIKE

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY CHURCH AND OTHER SOURCES THAT A GROUP OF ELEVEN POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ANYANG PRISON OUTSIDE SEOUL ARE STAGING HUNGER STRIKE. FAST BEGAN AS ONE DAY AFFAIR INVOLVING 34 PRISONERS WHO RESPONDED TO APPEAL BY NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (SEE REFTEL) TO MAKE JUNE 25, ANNIVERSARY OF OUTBREAK OF KOREAN WAR, A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING.

2. THE GROUP OF ELEVEN HOLDOUTS IS SAID TO CONSSIST OF THREE UIM MINISTERS, SIX STUDENTS, AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION PARTY, CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THE ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW.

3. HUNGER STRIKE IS TACTIC PREVIOUSLY ADVOCATED BY UIM MISSIONARIES TO EMBARRASS ROKG AND DRAW NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO "MARTYRDOM OF IMPRISONED
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MEMBERS." NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REPORTEDLY

CONCERNED ABOUT HUNGER STRIKE AND SEEKING TO PERSUADE PRISONERS TO END IT. FOLLOWING JUNE 25 HUNGER STRIKE AND PRAYER, A GROUP OF CHURCH LEADERS WENT TO ANYANG WITH BASKETS OF FOOD, FRUIT AND FLOWERS FOR PRISONERS, MOST OF WHOM ACCEPTED GIFTS, BUT HARD CORE PERSISTED IN FAST.

4. ROKG IS KEEPING QUIET ON MATTER AND HAS BARRED ALL CONTACTS OF FAMILY MEMBERS WITH PRISONERS. THERE HAS BEEN NO PRESS REPORTING SO FAR.
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